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AT&T Foundry Opening
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- Thank you Sam (Williams). We at Georgia Tech join the Atlanta Chamber in welcoming AT&T to Technology Square.
- We feel as if we are welcoming a good friend to our neighborhood. Georgia Tech and AT&T share a common focus on innovation and already partner in a number of areas. Ralph (De La Vega) mentioned the Online Master of Science in Computer Science, which the New York Times this past week described as a new frontier in studying online. We're just as excited about working with AT&T in education, transportation, healthcare, and connected home innovations, reimagining how mobile technology can shape lives.
- We're convinced that you have chosen the right neighborhood. Tech Square is a flourishing environment that attracts, energizes and provides support for start-up and established companies, serving as an innovation ecosystem for the metro area and the Southeast. Tech Square is fast becoming the place to be, an innovation zone that is attracting both established companies and startups. You can almost feel the excitement as ideas become innovations, and they are quickly moved to the marketplace. Georgia Tech is proud to serve as a catalyst, bringing together needed resources, expertise, and opportunities for collaboration.
- Georgia Tech has an entrepreneurial culture. We see it in our faculty, as well as in our students. Tech is the third leading developer of patents in the state of Georgia, with AT&T in the No. 1 position. Seventy percent of Georgia Tech's invention disclosures list at least one student among the inventors. They're not waiting until they graduate to come up with new solutions, and with more than 21,000 Georgia Tech students, I don't think you'll run out of new big ideas any time in the near future!
- Having an AT&T Foundry innovation center in Tech Square will create even greater opportunities for students and faculty while allowing AT&T to take full

advantage the resources at Tech as they participate in the exciting growth of Midtown as an innovation district.

- The vision of Atlanta's innovation district is quickly becoming a reality because of the engagement of such groups as the Midtown Alliance, the Metro Atlanta Chamber, industry, and education, and because of the state's investment in technology through groups including the Georgia Research Alliance, with its early emphasis on telecommunications. Great things happen through teamwork.
- In the June press release announcing the launch of the innovation center in Atlanta, John Donovan is quoted as saying that since its founding three years ago the mission of the AT&T Foundry has been to identify great ideas, put the right people and technology ecosystem around them and move them quickly to market.
- You have the right people, and you're in the right place. Tech Square has the infrastructure to succeed.
- We at Georgia Tech are delighted that you're here, and look forward to working with you in your goal to develop technologies and applications to enrich lives throughout the world.